

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the above-referenced patent application. Claims 1-6 have been amended and claims 7-21 have been added. It is noted that these claims were not amended to overcome the rejections and objections, or in light of the cited references. Rather, the claims were amended to more clearly delineate intended subject matter. Furthermore, it is believed that these amendments do not narrow claim scope. Rather, in some cases, the claims are even broadened. Therefore, no prosecution history estoppel should result from these claim amendments. Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that adequate support may be found in the specification for new claims 7-21. For example, adequate support may be found at least from paragraph [0019] – [0022], and Fig. 3- Fig. 6.

In the Office Action, dated October 3, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang (Pub. No. US 2002/0039205) in view of Mai (U.S. Patent No. 6,002,508). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Assignee respectfully submits that claims 1-6, as amended, are not rendered obvious by Chang in view of Mai. It is respectfully submitted that Chang, whether viewed alone or in combination with Mai, does not show or describe at least “a transparency scanning module disposed on the scanning device cover, wherein the transparency scanning module includes plural first power connectors formed on the transparency scanning module adapted to couple to plural second power connectors formed on the scanning device cover, wherein at least one of the plural first power connectors are electrically coupled to a light source disposed on the transparency scanning module.” As recited in claim 1, as amended. Chang is directed to a transparent scanning device, and does not include at least plural power connectors electrically coupled to a light source.

The Examiner concedes that Chang is lacking at least one element of claim 1. As stated in the Office Action, page 3, “Chang does not teach a transparency scanning model includes plural power connectors, and there are plural power connectors set on the relative positions of transparency scanning module for connecting to the plural power connectors”. Additionally, Mai fails to cure this deficiency noted by the Examiner. In the cited portions of Mai, the power supply provides power to a motherboard, which, in turn, provides power to an interface card to power a step motor. (col 3:29 – col

3:46). Mai does not show or describe at least “a transparency scanning module disposed on the scanning device cover, wherein the transparency scanning module includes plural first power connectors formed on the transparency scanning module adapted to couple to plural second power connectors formed on the scanning device cover, wherein at least one of the plural first power connectors are electrically coupled to a light source disposed on the transparency scanning module.”

As recited in claim 1, as amended.

Assignee respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons presented above, a prima facie case of obviousness has not been established, and, therefore, claim 1, as amended, is in a condition for allowance. It is noted that many other bases for traversing the rejection could be provided, but Assignee believes that this ground is sufficient. Additionally, claims 2-6 are in a condition for allowance for the same and/or similar reasons as presented with reference to claim 1, as amended. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw his rejections of these claims.

Additionally, new claims 7-21 are in a condition for allowance for the same and/or similar reasons as presented above.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in this patent application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

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